



REMARKS

Claims 1-35 were originally presented for examination and subject to restriction.

Claims 1-26 have been elected for examination and Claims 27-35 have been canceled.

Applicants believe that Claims 1-26 are in condition for allowance. If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' attorney at 206.695.1755.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTENSEN O'CONNOR  
JOHNSON KINDNESS<sup>PLLC</sup>

*George E. Renzoni*

George E. Renzoni, Ph.D.  
Registration No. 37,919  
Direct Dial No. 206.695.1755

**RECEIVED**

DEC 03 2003

**GROUP 3600**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service in a sealed envelope as first class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the below date.

Date: November 24, 2003

*Shelly K. Lister*

GER:md/skg

LAW OFFICES OF  
CHRISTENSEN O'CONNOR JOHNSON KINDNESS<sup>PLLC</sup>  
1420 Fifth Avenue  
Suite 2800  
Seattle, Washington 98101  
206.682.8100